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# Colorado Trends

The severe winter weather that gripped the State in November had a marked effect on the labor market as forced curtailment of many outdoor activities pushed unemployment to the highest point in eight months while employment lost the gains recorded since August. Colorado's seasonally adjusted jobless rate climbed to 6.4 percent in November, up significantly from both October's 5.8 and last year's 5.3.

The number of unemployed Coloradans measured during the November survey period shot up to 109,700, a substantial 9,200 above the prior month. Unemployment reached a low for the year of 90,100 in June, but had been trending slowly upward since then due largely to continued sluggishness in many goods-producing industries. Last year at this time 91,800 workers were jobless.

the end of the year due to both the holiday buying surge and the start up of winter recreation activities. This year upturns in these industries were particularly strong as early mountain snows coupled with increased use of snow-making equipment at many ski resorts got the winter recreation season off to a brisk start. The outlook for the two industries is also very good. Normal seasonal hiring and the opening of several large hotels, including the Breckenridge Hilton and the Grand Butte Hotel in Crested Butte, should keep employment growing in both through December.

The only other industry to register an upturn in employment was government (up 1,100). Seasonal gains in state and local education were entirely responsible for the growth.

Expected winter slowing in some industries was aggravated by the cold weather conditions in November. Nearly 13,000 jobs were lost in agriculture as the cold curtailed farm and ranch activities. Construction employment fell by almost 8,000, substantially more than the normal dropoff for the month, with all sectors of the industry participating in the decline. The current loss puts construction close to 6,000 jobs below its year-ago level.

The only major non-weather-related layoff in the State occurred at the AT&T manufacturing facility in Westminster where a reorganization reduced the work force by just over 400. The layoff contributed heavily to an overall loss of 500 manufacturing jobs.

Two other industries experienced losses during the current period. Finance, insurance and real estate declined by 400 with the bulk of the drop coming in the real estate sector. And mining continued its long-term slide losing 100 workers. The mining industry has lost 2,200 jobs during the past year and 12,100 since 1981.

It could be some time before the State's labor market rebounds from the current deterioration. Cold and snowy weather continued to hamper outdoor activity well into December, thus improvement may be slow in some industries.

## DENVER-BOULDER LMA

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Denver-Boulder LMA climbed four-tenths of one percent in November to 5.4 percent as unseasonably cold weather halted a number of construction projects in the Area. The total number of unemployed increased 3,900 to 56,200 over the month. In November 1984 the unemployment rate in the Denver Area was only 4.6 percent and the number of jobless totaled 47,400, 8,800 below today's level. Employment was also affected by the weather during the month slumping to a seasonally adjusted 977,600, a drop of 11,400 from October and 12,700 from one year ago.

In other news developments, consumer prices in the Denver Area as measured by the All Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) remained quiescent in the latest reporting period, increasing only at a 2.4 percent annual rate between September and November. Over the past year prices are up 2.9 percent. Declines over the two month period in entertainment (- 2.3%), apparel & upkeep (- 1.0%) and no change in food prices helped to offset rises in other components.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: There will be no Colorado Labor Force Review released in February 1986 (Vol. XXII, No. 12). This issue would have contained labor force data for December 1985. We will resume publication of the Review with Vol. XXIII, No. 1, containing January 1986 labor force statistics together with revised historical figures.*

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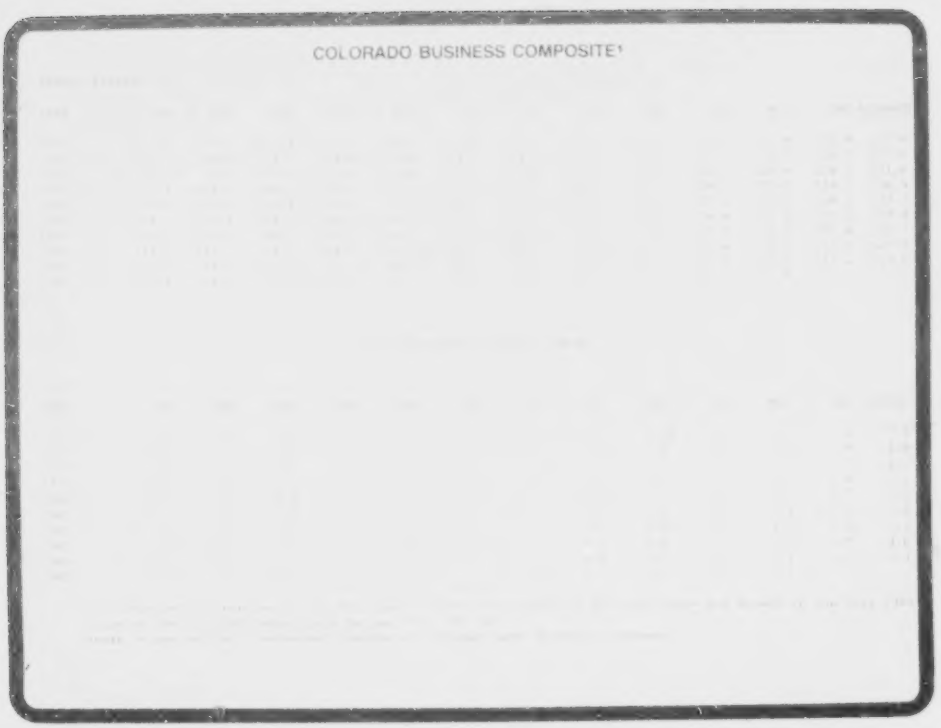
# The Colorado Business Composite

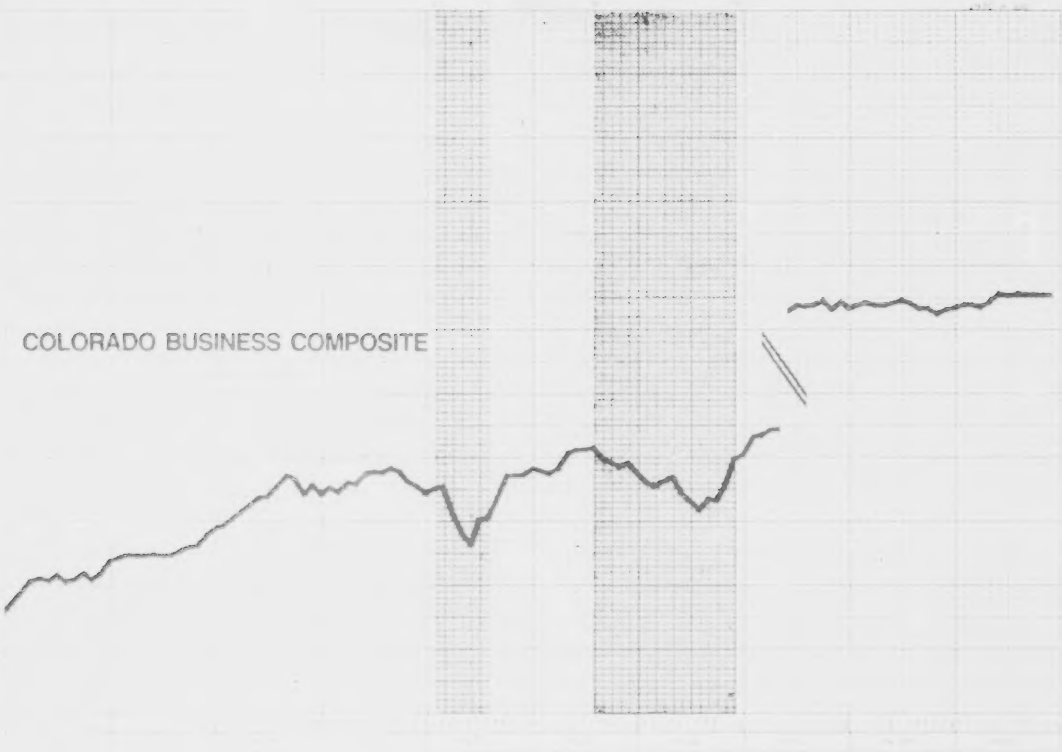
The State's index of leading economic indicators showed a small gain in November, inching up 0.1 percent to 155.3 from a revised 155.2 in October. For a brief period between October 1984 and May 1985 the Colorado Business Composite (CBC) had risen at a moderate pace. Since June, however, little movement has been registered. *Economic activity in the State can be expected to remain sluggish until the CBC begins to accelerate upward from its present level.*

The CBC managed a small rise over the month even though only two of its six component indicators were able to muster increases. This was possible because of an average 6½ percent jump in the share prices of companies making up the Colorado stock market index. The resumption of the bull market for stocks boosted the index to a new all-time high of 300.62 in November, surpassing the old record of 294.88 set in June 1983. The index stood at 282.21 in October.

The other CBC indicator to exhibit a gain during November was the percent change in sensitive materials prices as measured by the U.S. Producer Price Index. The percent change in November increased to - 0.08 percent from the - 0.24 percent registered in October. Although this is the third rise in a row, the price change remains negative indicating continued softness in demand for raw materials at the wholesale level. This measure of the change in spot prices of producer products has now been below zero for the past eighteen months, only one shy of a string of nineteen experienced during the recessionary period of 1981 and 1982. The most consecutive months of negative price change in this series dating back to 1948 was 27, occurring between January 1952 and March 1954.

The largest loser among the four declining CBC component indicators was statewide average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance. Weekly






claims rose more than 13 percent during the month of November to 4,589 (negative development for purposes of the CBC) from the 4,046 filed in October. This increase was due in large part to the severe cold weather which shut down numerous construction projects throughout the State during survey week. The November level of claims, nevertheless, is the highest in nearly two and one-half years. In June of 1983 an average of 4,625 initial claims were processed per week.

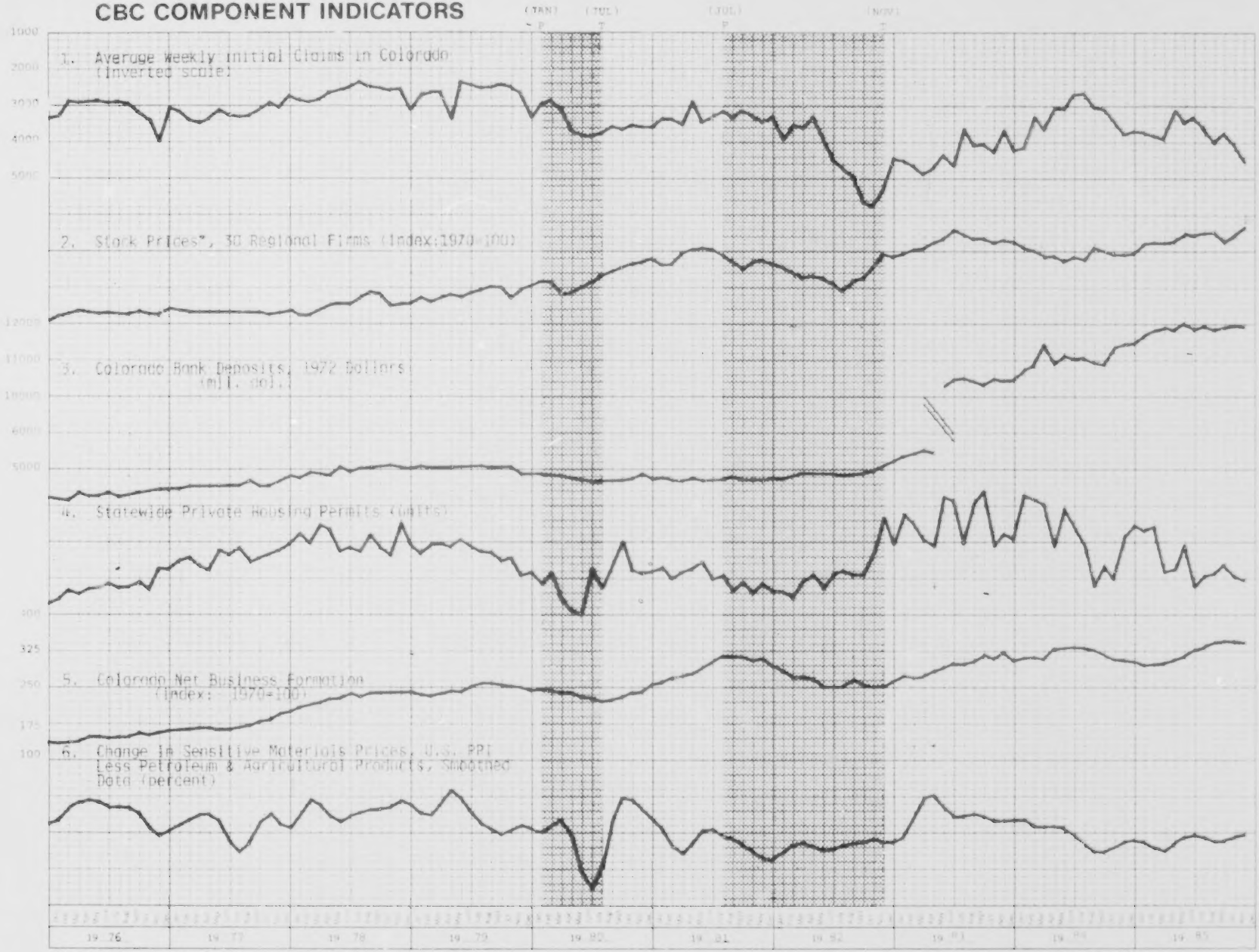
Small declines occurred in each of the three remaining indicators. Colorado bank deposits fell by less than .5 percent during November. Bank deposits after adjustment for inflation totaled $11.941 billion, down from $11.977 billion in October.

Statewide private housing permits dropped by slightly less than 4 percent over the month. The number of housing units authorized for construction in November fell to 2,193 from 2,277 in October. This is the smallest level of permit activity since June when 1,981 units were authorized. According to United Banks of Colorado, Inc., Colorado's existing inventory is more than 26,000 units. At the current rate of sales activity it would take eleven months to exhaust present supply. Consequently, even though the recent level of permits is low by past standards for Colorado (an average of 3,739 units were issued per month in 1984) homebuilders will be reluctant to accelerate their building until some of this excess inventory is absorbed by homebuyers. Mortgage interest rates are near eight-year lows, but recent tightening of qualification requirements have offset much of this rate decline. Much of the building that is taking place is occurring in Adams and Douglas Counties where water is ample and residential expansion is welcome.

The Colorado net business formation index declined to 345.72 in November from a revised 347.12 in October. The October index was raised as more complete data on the net business telephone lines portion of the index became available. The revision boosted the October index to an all-time record high.

DATA SERIES FOR LEADING INDICATORS COMPRISING THE COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE

# CBC COMPONENT INDICATORS




*Not seasonally adjusted
//Break in series

Shaded areas represent national periods of recession

Colorado Division of Employment & Training
Labor Market Information

# Colorado Insured Unemployment

The number of people filing for unemployment insurance benefits in Colorado climbed to nearly 22,500 during the fourth quarter 1985 survey period, an increase of nearly 10 percent from the prior quarter. Unusually severe winter weather that aggravated expected seasonal slowing in some industries was responsible for much of the current upturn in joblessness.

Construction registered the largest unemployment increase in the fourth quarter with a gain of close to 60 percent. That compares to only a 23 percent upswing during the comparable period in 1984. Insured joblessness in the construction industry is currently running 70 percent above last year's level.

Mining (down 49 percent) was the only industry to record a drop in unemployment over the quarter. The decline was largely due to the restarting of Amax's molybdenum mining operations in early September. About 1,200 workers had been laid off in July when Amax temporarily closed its mines near Leadville and Empire. Despite this improvement, weakness is still widespread in the mining industry with the jobless level 35 percent ahead of last year.

Older workers fared somewhat better than others in the current period. Unemployment among those over 54 years of age actually declined slightly during the fourth quarter while all other groups recorded growing joblessness. Those workers under 22 showed the largest increase, up 31 percent.

As might be expected, current labor market conditions have boosted short-term unemployment. The largest group of unemployed in the fourth quarter (accounting for nearly one-third of the total) had been without work for two weeks or less. Those jobless for 20 weeks or more actually declined by nearly 8 percent.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COLORADO INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1/]

| | TOTAL | | | PERCENT DISTRIBUTION | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FOURTH QUARTER, 1985

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 31 | 233 | 301 | 623 | 124 | 678 | 218 | 1263 | 84 | 147 | 3702 |
| CLERICAL | 23 | 105 | 184 | 419 | 125 | 695 | 345 | 782 | 79 | 67 | 2821 |
| SALES | 9 | 9 | 48 | 138 | 59 | 536 | 59 | 149 | 12 | 37 | 1056 |
| SERVICES | 14 | 13 | 39 | 127 | 49 | 497 | 100 | 759 | 47 | 49 | 1694 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 68 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 39 | 18 | 16 | 215 |
| PROCESSING | 41 | 14 | 116 | 719 | 27 | 100 | 8 | 50 | 8 | 14 | 1097 |
| MACHINE | 13 | 23 | 128 | 383 | 33 | 168 | 9 | 127 | 8 | 22 | 920 |
| BENCHWORK | 1 | 4 | 76 | 943 | 7 | 108 | 5 | 84 | 6 | 17 | 1211 |
| STRUCTURAL | 59 | 192 | 3608 | 709 | 95 | 351 | 86 | 395 | 84 | 150 | 5728 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 63 | 373 | 445 | 330 | 302 | 343 | 21 | 179 | 28 | 62 | 2101 |
| NEC | 38 | 72 | 313 | 289 | 77 | 406 | 137 | 451 | 53 | 78 | 1911 |
| TOTAL | 348 | 1000 | 5233 | 4702 | 902 | 3906 | 1001 | 4278 | 427 | 659 | 22456 |

STATE OF COLORADO
FEMALE CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 14 | 81 | 61 | 194 | 44 | 260 | 111 | 625 | 30 | 60 | 1480 |
| CLERICAL | 20 | 88 | 149 | 315 | 99 | 593 | 301 | 686 | 63 | 44 | 2294 |
| SALES | 1 | 5 | 12 | 51 | 20 | 222 | 36 | 75 | 8 | 16 | 446 |
| SERVICES | 4 | 6 | 14 | 58 | 24 | 294 | 62 | 486 | 12 | 32 | 993 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 9 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 35 |
| PROCESSING | 33 | 1 | 4 | 169 | 6 | 31 | 2 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 263 |
| MACHINE | 1 | 1 | 6 | 101 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 140 |
| BENCHWORK | 1 | 2 | 5 | 648 | 0 | 62 | 2 | 53 | 4 | 11 | 786 |
| STRUCTURAL | 6 | 8 | 88 | 78 | 3 | 25 | 8 | 49 | 5 | 12 | 283 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 5 | 16 | 20 | 66 | 35 | 56 | 5 | 40 | 1 | 8 | 257 |
| NEC | 5 | 16 | 31 | 110 | 26 | 182 | 87 | 241 | 13 | 34 | 751 |
| TOTAL | 99 | 225 | 396 | 1781 | 278 | 1696 | 618 | 2279 | 149 | 227 | 7728 |

STATE OF COLORADO
WHITE RACE CLAIMANTS*

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 26 | 211 | 265 | 549 | 104 | 595 | 198 | 1053 | 62 | 125 | 3185 |
| CLERICAL | 19 | 86 | 166 | 393 | 88 | 567 | 274 | 626 | 47 | 55 | 2281 |
| SALES | 8 | 9 | 46 | 115 | 50 | 468 | 51 | 124 | 8 | 27 | 905 |
| SERVICES | 10 | 10 | 29 | 72 | 33 | 372 | 60 | 495 | 34 | 34 | 1149 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 35 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 4 | 25 | 14 | 6 | 127 |
| PROCESSING | 10 | 12 | 76 | 360 | 18 | 65 | 4 | 32 | 6 | 9 | 593 |
| MACHINE | 5 | 11 | 104 | 280 | 26 | 139 | 9 | 93 | 7 | 17 | 707 |
| BENCHWORK | 0 | 3 | 24 | 674 | 6 | 75 | 4 | 62 | 6 | 9 | 863 |
| STRUCTURAL | 41 | 152 | 2598 | 484 | 66 | 367 | 63 | 309 | 48 | 108 | 4123 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 15 | 232 | 362 | 236 | 235 | 243 | 15 | 341 | 38 | 40 | 1539 |
| NEC | 20 | 58 | 226 | 197 | 57 | 318 | 108 | 336 | 38 | 56 | 1412 |
| TOTAL | 189 | 790 | 3905 | 3342 | 688 | 3113 | 788 | 3296 | 288 | 486 | 16885 |

STATE OF COLORADO
BLACK RACE CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 5 | 55 | 3 | 9 | 120 |
| CLERICAL | 0 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 16 | 33 | 31 | 40 | 11 | 3 | 157 |
| SALES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 30 |
| SERVICES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 7 | 76 | 5 | 3 | 129 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| PROCESSING | 0 | 0 | 5 | 33 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| MACHINE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| BENCHWORK | 0 | 0 | 6 | 29 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 46 |
| STRUCTURAL | 1 | 1 | 86 | 26 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 160 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 0 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 22 | 19 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 92 |
| NEC | 0 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 18 | 12 | 29 | 1 | 3 | 87 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 13 | 114 | 164 | 77 | 153 | 66 | 240 | 31 | 43 | 903 |

STATE OF COLORADO
HISPANIC CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 46 |
| CLERICAL | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 44 |
| SALES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| SERVICES | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 38 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| PROCESSING | 0 | 0 | 2 | 54 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 64 |
| MACHINE | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| BENCHWORK | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| STRUCTURAL | 3 | 4 | 134 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 176 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 6 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 55 |
| NEC | 0 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 27 |
| TOTAL | 12 | 20 | 163 | 126 | 17 | 58 | 16 | 70 | 15 | 11 | 508 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL OTHER RACE CLAIMANTS*

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 5 | 17 | 28 | 56 | 9 | 58 | 13 | 140 | 18 | 9 | 353 |
| CLERICAL | 4 | 14 | 14 | 44 | 15 | 88 | 36 | 91 | 14 | 9 | 334 |
| SALES | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 49 | 7 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 104 |
| SERVICES | 4 | 3 | 7 | 40 | 7 | 87 | 32 | 139 | 8 | 11 | 378 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 31 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 72 |
| PROCESSING | 31 | 2 | 32 | 268 | 5 | 27 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 5 | 391 |
| MACHINE | 5 | 6 | 24 | 83 | 7 | 19 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 161 |
| BENCHWORK | 1 | 1 | 5 | 229 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 283 |
| STRUCTURAL | 13 | 34 | 791 | 187 | 18 | 78 | 17 | 68 | 25 | 34 | 1265 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 31 | 85 | 64 | 79 | 38 | 72 | 3 | 25 | 7 | 13 | 414 |
| NEC | 16 | 14 | 77 | 71 | 12 | 70 | 19 | 81 | 13 | 16 | 385 |
| TOTAL | 142 | 177 | 1050 | 1071 | 117 | 579 | 130 | 810 | 92 | 118 | 4146 |

* Hispanic claimants are not included in the white race counts.
All Other Races Category excludes white and Black races and Hispanic claimants, but includes not classified claimants.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FOURTH QUARTER, 1985

STATE OF COLORADO
INTERSTATE CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 7 | 28 | 48 | 72 | 9 | 48 | 9 | 145 | 15 | 15 | 396 |
| CLERICAL | 2 | 9 | 37 | 42 | 9 | 33 | 33 | 114 | 7 | 9 | 295 |
| SALES | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 18 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 7 | 71 |
| SERVICES | 0 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 7 | 26 | 0 | 81 | 4 | 2 | 144 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 15 |
| PROCESSING | 2 | 0 | 7 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| MACHINE | 1 | 0 | 13 | 31 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 2 | 90 |
| BENCHWORK | 0 | 0 | 4 | 46 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 58 |
| STRUCTURAL | 9 | 22 | 213 | 33 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 57 | 4 | 2 | 351 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 7 | 37 | 24 | 26 | 31 | 18 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 4 | 171 |
| NEC | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 38 | 100 | 360 | 301 | 80 | 160 | 42 | 474 | 34 | 47 | 1636 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| DURATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| 1-2 WEEKS | 143 | 249 | 2378 | 1196 | 237 | 975 | 257 | 1066 | 131 | 195 | 6827 |
| 3-4 WEEKS | 59 | 142 | 895 | 740 | 154 | 702 | 171 | 719 | 74 | 113 | 3769 |
| 5-8 WEEKS | 66 | 208 | 995 | 1026 | 206 | 905 | 227 | 1045 | 111 | 132 | 4922 |
| 9-14 WEEKS | 33 | 176 | 620 | 795 | 151 | 687 | 197 | 842 | 64 | 123 | 3688 |
| 15-19 WEEKS | 30 | 149 | 225 | 581 | 71 | 339 | 80 | 322 | 25 | 48 | 1870 |
| 20-99 WEEKS | 16 | 77 | 122 | 363 | 82 | 298 | 68 | 282 | 23 | 50 | 1381 |
| NEC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 347 | 1001 | 5235 | 4701 | 901 | 3906 | 1000 | 4277 | 428 | 661 | 22457 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| AGE | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| 16-21 YEARS | 17 | 30 | 149 | 186 | 17 | 256 | 34 | 150 | 17 | 28 | 884 |
| 22-24 YEARS | 49 | 61 | 387 | 415 | 63 | 418 | 79 | 312 | 37 | 51 | 1932 |
| 25-34 YEARS | 148 | 412 | 1395 | 1883 | 355 | 1544 | 384 | 1629 | 180 | 255 | 8788 |
| 35-44 YEARS | 70 | 304 | 1383 | 1180 | 261 | 900 | 269 | 1183 | 107 | 178 | 5815 |
| 45-54 YEARS | 48 | 133 | 821 | 686 | 128 | 473 | 144 | 585 | 51 | 85 | 3154 |
| 55-64 YEARS | 13 | 55 | 471 | 323 | 68 | 279 | 82 | 333 | 31 | 53 | 1715 |
| 65-99 YEARS | 1 | 2 | 22 | 18 | 4 | 32 | 6 | 17 | 3 | 9 | 114 |
| NEC | 0 | 3 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 54 |
| TOTAL | 346 | 1000 | 5235 | 4700 | 901 | 3906 | 1001 | 4278 | 428 | 661 | 22456 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | DURATION | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1-2 WKS | 3-4 WKS | 5-8 WKS | 9-14 WKS | 15-19 WKS | 20-99 WKS | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 707 | 574 | 883 | 891 | 386 | 271 | 0 | 3702 |
| CLERICAL | 639 | 462 | 861 | 576 | 258 | 223 | 0 | 2819 |
| SALES | 244 | 178 | 250 | 217 | 86 | 80 | 0 | 1055 |
| SERVICES | 431 | 330 | 416 | 264 | 132 | 122 | 0 | 1695 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 98 | 39 | 47 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 216 |
| PROCESSING | 347 | 221 | 221 | 123 | 99 | 96 | 0 | 1097 |
| MACHINE | 241 | 164 | 232 | 156 | 66 | 60 | 0 | 919 |
| BENCHWORK | 269 | 161 | 236 | 187 | 264 | 94 | 0 | 1211 |
| STRUCTURAL | 2432 | 1003 | 1134 | 726 | 268 | 166 | 0 | 5729 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 782 | 314 | 395 | 268 | 195 | 148 | 0 | 2100 |
| NEC | 637 | 324 | 444 | 273 | 118 | 116 | 0 | 1912 |
| TOTAL | 6827 | 3770 | 4919 | 3688 | 1870 | 1381 | 0 | 22455 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | AGE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 16-21 YRS | 22-24 YRS | 25-34 YRS | 35-44 YRS | 45-54 YRS | 55-64 YRS | 65-99 YRS | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 45 | 202 | 1477 | 1157 | 537 | 266 | 17 | 2 | 3703 |
| CLERICAL | 157 | 296 | 1031 | 352 | 364 | 205 | 13 | 2 | 2820 |
| SALES | 38 | 93 | 387 | 298 | 134 | 88 | 13 | 5 | 1056 |
| SERVICES | 105 | 177 | 663 | 353 | 236 | 140 | 9 | 6 | 1695 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 6 | 17 | 117 | 44 | 21 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 215 |
| PROCESSING | 40 | 108 | 366 | 284 | 188 | 101 | 5 | 4 | 1096 |
| MACHINE | 37 | 81 | 369 | 224 | 128 | 78 | 4 | 1 | 920 |
| BENCHWORK | 73 | 130 | 492 | 266 | 167 | 78 | 6 | 1 | 1213 |
| STRUCTURAL | 209 | 486 | 2296 | 1498 | 808 | 482 | 24 | 22 | 5728 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 86 | 141 | 828 | 534 | 337 | 160 | 12 | 3 | 2101 |
| NEC | 89 | 197 | 768 | 497 | 234 | 110 | 10 | 7 | 1912 |
| TOTAL | 885 | 1931 | 8790 | 5815 | 3154 | 1717 | 114 | 53 | 22459 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| SEX | DURATION | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1-2 WKS | 3-4 WKS | 5-8 WKS | 9-14 WKS | 15-19 WKS | 20-99 WKS | NEC | TOTAL |
| MALE | 5095 | 2511 | 3130 | 2197 | 1079 | 706 | 0 | 14718 |
| FEMALE | 1732 | 1259 | 1790 | 1492 | 791 | 675 | 0 | 7739 |
| TOTAL | 6827 | 3770 | 4920 | 3689 | 1870 | 1381 | 0 | 22457 |

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FOURTH QUARTER, 1985

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AG,FOR,FISH | MINING | CONST | MFG | TRN,COM,UT | TRADE | FIN,INS,RE | SERVICES | PUB ADMIN | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 14 | 191 | 202 | 453 | 88 | 419 | 160 | 840 | 43 | 109 | 2519 |
| CLERICAL | 12 | 81 | 90 | 265 | 72 | 386 | 234 | 419 | 48 | 37 | 1644 |
| SALES | 5 | 6 | 23 | 86 | 40 | 309 | 41 | 90 | 4 | 24 | 628 |
| SERVICES | 5 | 4 | 10 | 66 | 36 | 117 | 58 | 262 | 9 | 18 | 645 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 20 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 13 | 78 |
| PROCESSING | 7 | 8 | 91 | 215 | 27 | 79 | 6 | 35 | 5 | 10 | 483 |
| MACHINE | 2 | 3 | 70 | 240 | 20 | 92 | 4 | 60 | 2 | 14 | 507 |
| BENCHWORK | 1 | 4 | 17 | 636 | 2 | 72 | 5 | 41 | 1 | 7 | 786 |
| STRUCTURAL | 14 | 23 | 1659 | 362 | 32 | 155 | 42 | 140 | 15 | 54 | 2497 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 3 | 31 | 216 | 175 | 176 | 209 | 9 | 89 | 4 | 29 | 941 |
| NEC | 6 | 23 | 100 | 153 | 45 | 162 | 67 | 151 | 9 | 36 | 752 |
| TOTAL | 89 | 375 | 2487 | 2654 | 541 | 2067 | 633 | 2139 | 144 | 351 | 11480 |

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | DURATION | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1-2 WKS | 3-4 WKS | 5-8 WKS | 9-14 WKS | 15-19 WKS | 20-99 WKS | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 477 | 361 | 611 | 607 | 290 | 167 | 0 | 2519 |
| CLERICAL | 386 | 242 | 389 | 349 | 161 | 138 | 0 | 1645 |
| SALES | 130 | 105 | 149 | 142 | 55 | 47 | 0 | 628 |
| SERVICES | 159 | 117 | 156 | 151 | 57 | 55 | 0 | 645 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 30 | 15 | 20 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| PROCESSING | 141 | 80 | 119 | 83 | 39 | 41 | 0 | 483 |
| MACHINE | 124 | 74 | 146 | 93 | 40 | 32 | 0 | 509 |
| BENCHWORK | 159 | 93 | 139 | 115 | 224 | 61 | 0 | 787 |
| STRUCTURAL | 1094 | 411 | 469 | 327 | 119 | 73 | 0 | 2499 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 313 | 139 | 195 | 140 | 81 | 73 | 0 | 941 |
| NEC | 273 | 106 | 147 | 109 | 58 | 59 | 0 | 752 |
| TOTAL | 3286 | 1755 | 2516 | 2065 | 1128 | 746 | 0 | 11486 |

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | AGE | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 16-21 YRS | 22-24 YRS | 25-34 YRS | 35-44 YRS | 45-54 YRS | 55-64 YRS | 65-99 YRS | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 27 | 127 | 1030 | 793 | 366 | 166 | 11 | 1 | 2519 |
| CLERICAL | 76 | 162 | 604 | 436 | 224 | 135 | 5 | 1 | 1645 |
| SALES | 17 | 55 | 233 | 184 | 78 | 51 | 9 | 1 | 630 |
| SERVICES | 30 | 61 | 258 | 140 | 95 | 52 | 2 | 3 | 645 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 1 | 5 | 49 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| PROCESSING | 25 | 69 | 178 | 109 | 54 | 39 | 5 | 3 | 482 |
| MACHINE | 25 | 42 | 197 | 125 | 74 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 508 |
| BENCHWORK | 36 | 72 | 321 | 182 | 113 | 59 | 3 | 1 | 787 |
| STRUCTURAL | 17 | 214 | 1005 | 614 | 360 | 218 | 8 | 9 | 2486 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 8 | 62 | 378 | 234 | 155 | 71 | 4 | 1 | 941 |
| NEC | 30 | 72 | 291 | 208 | 95 | 47 | 5 | 3 | 752 |
| TOTAL | 380 | 941 | 4544 | 3047 | 1603 | 884 | 56 | 24 | 11483 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| OCCUPATION | AREA | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEN-BLDR | COLO SPGS | PUEBLO | FT COLLINS | GREELEY | MESA CNTY | NEC | TOTAL |
| PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL | 2518 | 429 | 85 | 186 | 81 | 85 | 338 | 3702 |
| CLERICAL | 1615 | 323 | 139 | 129 | 101 | 123 | 390 | 2819 |
| SALES | 629 | 116 | 52 | 80 | 34 | 40 | 125 | 1076 |
| SERVICES | 634 | 178 | 111 | 61 | 60 | 69 | 576 | 1689 |
| AGRI,FOREST,FISHING | 78 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 20 | 3 | 68 | 215 |
| PROCESSING | 483 | 87 | 184 | 31 | 35 | 1 | 178 | 1099 |
| MACHINE | 506 | 88 | 83 | 62 | 43 | 40 | 115 | 919 |
| BENCHWORK | 781 | 140 | 19 | 73 | 76 | 72 | 51 | 1212 |
| STRUCTURAL | 2498 | 142 | 422 | 421 | 125 | 907 | 1916 | 6431 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 941 | 158 | 114 | 99 | 89 | 125 | 586 | 2102 |
| NEC | 752 | 140 | 71 | 70 | 52 | 88 | 746 | 1911 |
| TOTAL | 11484 | 2409 | 1829 | 1211 | 926 | 881 | 5118 | 24454 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| AGE | AREA | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEN-BLDR | COLO SPGS | PUEBLO | FT COLLINS | GREELEY | MESA CNTY | NEC | TOTAL |
| 16-21 YEARS | 381 | 121 | 71 | 46 | 39 | 27 | 200 | 884 |
| 22-24 YEARS | 942 | 220 | 114 | 90 | 84 | 87 | 361 | 1333 |
| 25-34 YEARS | 4545 | 992 | 527 | 530 | 338 | 290 | 1568 | 8788 |
| 35-44 YEARS | 3045 | 556 | 363 | 311 | 255 | 232 | 1252 | 5814 |
| 45-54 YEARS | 1610 | 309 | 329 | 148 | 131 | 165 | 1263 | 5155 |
| 55-64 YEARS | 880 | 196 | 119 | 74 | 72 | 72 | 425 | 1715 |
| 65-99 YEARS | 55 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 114 |
| NEC | 26 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 53 |
| TOTAL | 11484 | 2409 | 1428 | 1213 | 926 | 881 | 5115 | 22456 |

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

| DURATION | AREA | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEN-BLDR | COLO SPGS | PUEBLO | FT COLLINS | GREELEY | MESA CNTY | NEC | TOTAL |
| 1-2 WEEKS | 3286 | 687 | 536 | 537 | 380 | 213 | 1368 | 6821 |
| 3-4 WEEKS | 1754 | 454 | 244 | 175 | 155 | 155 | 832 | 3769 |
| 5-8 WEEKS | 2516 | 494 | 300 | 219 | 185 | 247 | 1060 | 4921 |
| 9-14 WEEKS | 2055 | 437 | 176 | 167 | 129 | 140 | 886 | 3990 |
| 15-19 WEEKS | 1128 | 152 | 103 | 62 | 61 | 72 | 242 | 1820 |
| 20-99 WEEKS | 746 | 185 | 69 | 51 | 37 | 55 | 232 | 1381 |
| NEC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11485 | 2409 | 1428 | 1211 | 927 | 882 | 4111 | 22456 |

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA[1/]

COLORADO

DENVER-BOULDER-LMA

## DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

STATE OF COLORADO

DENVER-BOULDER LMA 1/

# COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

## HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES[1/]

COLORADO

DENVER-BOULDER AMA

## SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT

DENVER AREA

## AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

# COLORADO LABOR FORCE REVIEW

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LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

Eugene Rusho, Director of the Labor Market Information Section of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, announced today that current estimates of employment and unemployment for Colorado and its labor areas will be delayed due to the implementation of a new unemployment benefits system on the Department's new computer.

While both systems represent a significant advancement in the Departments's capability to serve our clients as well as produce information for our many data users, the recent conversion has delayed work on report outputs from the benefits system.

It is expected necessary data will be available in late April with monthly labor force estimates resuming in late May. Data for the period January thru March will be published at that time.

For further information, call the Labor Market Information Section at 866-6326.

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Division of Employment and Training
Labor Market Information
March 6, 1986

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STATE OF COLORADO - RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1980 | 1,500,000 | 1,412,000 | 88,000 | 5.9% |
| 1981 | 1,538,000 | 1,453,000 | 85,000 | 5.5 |
| 1982 | 1,588,000 | 1,465,000 | 123,000 | 7.7 |
| 1983 | 1,669,000 | 1,558,000 | 111,000 | 6.6 |
| 1984 | 1,714,000 | 1,617,000 | 97,000 | 5.6 |
| 1985 | 1,720,000 | 1,619,000 | 101,000 | 5.9 |

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to the 1985 Current Population Survey.

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ANNUAL AVERAGE 1985

| AREA | TOTAL LABOR FORCE | TOTAL EMPLOY | TOTAL UN-EMP | % UN-EMP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALAMOSA | 5785 | 5334 | 451 | 7.8 |
| ARCHULETA | 2639 | 2398 | 241 | 9.1 |
| BACA | 2247 | 2138 | 109 | 4.9 |
| BENT | 2412 | 2285 | 127 | 5.3 |
| CHAFFEE | 6168 | 5555 | 613 | 9.9 |
| CHEYENNE | 1084 | 1050 | 34 | 3.1 |
| CLEAR CREEK | 3068 | 2836 | 232 | 7.6 |
| CO. SPGS. MSA | 177075 | 166614 | 10461 | 5.9 |
| CONEJOS | 2494 | 2075 | 419 | 16.8 |
| COSTILLA | 997 | 802 | 195 | 19.6 |
| CROWLEY | 1188 | 1117 | 71 | 6.0 |
| CUSTER | 1079 | 986 | 93 | 8.6 |
| DELTA | 8907 | 8016 | 891 | 10.0 |
| DEN-BLDR CMSA | 1045432 | 993371 | 52061 | 5.0 |
| -BLDR-LMNT MSA | 131159 | 124445 | 6714 | 5.1 |
| -DENVER MSA | 914273 | 868926 | 45347 | 5.0 |
| ---ADAMS | 159425 | 149108 | 10317 | 6.5 |
| ---ARAPAHOE | 206551 | 198611 | 7940 | 3.8 |
| ---DENVER | 292811 | 277050 | 15761 | 5.4 |
| ---DOUGLAS | 19073 | 18514 | 559 | 2.9 |
| ---JEFFERSON | 236415 | 225644 | 10771 | 4.6 |
| DOLORES | 986 | 924 | 62 | 6.3 |
| EAGLE | 13224 | 12492 | 732 | 5.5 |
| ELBERT | 3831 | 3560 | 271 | 7.1 |
| FT COL-LOVLD MSA | 87956 | 83160 | 4796 | 5.5 |
| FREMONT | 11205 | 10150 | 1055 | 9.4 |
| GARFIELD | 14782 | 13599 | 1183 | 8.0 |
| GILPIN | 1402 | 1309 | 93 | 6.6 |
| GRAND | 5825 | 5576 | 249 | 4.3 |
| GREELEY MSA | 65318 | 60971 | 4347 | 6.7 |
| GUNNISON | 5945 | 5673 | 272 | 4.6 |
| HINSDALE | 345 | 338 | 7 | 2.0 |
| HUERFANO | 2865 | 2545 | 320 | 11.2 |
| JACKSON | 872 | 823 | 49 | 5.6 |
| KIOWA | 1019 | 996 | 23 | 2.3 |
| KIT CARSON | 4015 | 3884 | 131 | 3.3 |
| LAKE | 2205 | 1915 | 290 | 13.2 |
| LA PLATA | 16188 | 15020 | 1168 | 7.2 |
| LAS ANIMAS | 4947 | 4257 | 690 | 13.9 |
| LINCOLN | 2341 | 2247 | 94 | 4.0 |
| LOGAN | 9740 | 9238 | 502 | 5.2 |
| MESA | 41700 | 37313 | 4387 | 10.5 |
| MINERAL | 391 | 318 | 73 | 18.7 |
| MOFFAT | 5847 | 5209 | 638 | 10.9 |
| MONTEZUMA | 9144 | 8144 | 1000 | 10.9 |
| MONTROSE | 11079 | 9736 | 1343 | 12.1 |
| MORGAN | 10376 | 9383 | 993 | 9.6 |
| OTERO | 9115 | 8456 | 659 | 7.2 |
| OURAY | 1251 | 1101 | 150 | 12.0 |
| PARK | 3118 | 2909 | 209 | 6.7 |
| PHILLIPS | 2356 | 2269 | 87 | 3.7 |
| PITKIN | 9486 | 9023 | 463 | 4.9 |
| PROWERS | 6877 | 6473 | 404 | 5.9 |
| PUEBLO MSA | 49751 | 44540 | 5211 | 10.5 |
| RIO BLANCO | 2830 | 2659 | 171 | 6.0 |
| RIO GRANDE | 4730 | 4232 | 498 | 10.5 |
| ROUTT | 8687 | 8021 | 666 | 7.7 |
| SAGUACHE | 1629 | 1374 | 255 | 15.7 |
| SAN JUAN | 427 | 264 | 163 | 38.2 |
| SAN MIGUEL | 2141 | 1992 | 149 | 7.0 |
| SEDGWICK | 1502 | 1391 | 111 | 7.4 |
| SUMMIT | 9279 | 8932 | 347 | 3.7 |
| TELLER | 4942 | 4574 | 368 | 7.4 |
| WASHINGTON | 2676 | 2525 | 151 | 5.6 |
| YUMA | 5084 | 4909 | 175 | 3.4 |
| STATE TOTAL | 1720000 | 1619000 | 101000 | 5.9 |

NOTE ON REVISIONS

Residency adjustment factors for estimates of total employment by county have been updated for 1980 Census patterns of commuting and multiple jobholding. Also, the presentation of data in two labor areas has changed. The Denver Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. The Boulder-Longmont MSA is Boulder County. The Colorado Springs MSA now contains El Paso County.

Revised data series consistent with these changes for the period 1983-84 will be published soon. Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to the 1985 Current Population Survey.

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